

September 25, 2006
Municipal Council Workshop
Town Hall Auditorium
7:00 pm

Councilor Thone opened the workshop at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Councilor Thone, Councilor Pinerio, Councilor McClure, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor King
Planning Board: Michael Browne, Nipun Jain
Residents: Jane Snow, Karen Cook, Glen Cook

Councilor Thone stated the intent of the workshop is to create a forum to talk about concerns, issues, opinions and points of views on wind and a good opportunity to share information that some people may not know about. Other communities that have ordinances are Beverly, Manchester by sea, Lynn, Gloucester, Rockport, Dorchester and Hull. There are a lot of communities that. She stated this is one of the most comprehensive and sees this changing as it goes through the process. There is a need to set minimum parameters.

Discussion: Components of Cape Wind Bylaw; the availability of Grants; the importance of wind capacity to generate power; wind atop Powow Hill; the difference between small and large wind; the need to identify the classes of wind in the ordinance and separate large and small wind; some restrictions that may be appropriate for large wind may be too restrictive for small wind.

Councilor Thone stated her understanding that special permits are permitted by Zoning Board of Appeals and asked Nipun if that was correct and for his opinion on who should be the granting authority.

Nipun Jain stated most of the time special permits are issued by the Planning Board and that there is only one special permit that is issued by the ZBA. The Planning Board members are more familiar with all the options, the applicant and abutters have and his opinion Planning Board should be the granting authority.

Concerns/Issues discussed and for further discussion: ZBA/Planning Board – permitting authority; 750 feet setback; height setback; bond issue; wind study; Professional fees; shadowing/flicker; proposed changes to the bylaw to address small wind and large wind separately as well as residential, commercial and industrial; identify and define modifications; filing requirements; include application for pumping water

Councilor Thone asked Nipun to put his thoughts in writing for the next workshop or the Ordinance Committee on the 4th.

Meeting adjourned.